(c) The cyclical fluctuations in production, exports and prices are part of the dynamics of the development process. There are indications that in the second half of the current financial year industrial and export growths are likely to stabilise and improve.

Long pending demand of linking Bombay, M.P., Bihar and Orissa by flights

1117. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of a long pending demand of a daily flight on Bombay-Jabalpur-Patna-Raipur-Bhubaneshwar route linking thereby Bombay with Madhya Pradesh, Bihar and Orissa;

(b) if so, whether any feasibility of survey was undertaken or being undertaken to meet the growing demand from the passengers; and

(c) if so, by when such flight is likely to be introduced and if not, the limitation thereon?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Indian Airlines is already operating thrice a week A 320 service on the sector Mumbai-Patna-Ranchi-Calcutta and return. They have no plans to operate on Mumbai-Jabalpur-Patna-Raipur-Bhubaneshwar route, at present, due to operational/commerical constraints. However, Private Operators are being encouraged to start services to these stations.

Private Agencies' Proposal to set up Hospitals and Medical Colleges in Orissa

1118. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some private agencies have informed Government of their intention to participate in Government's programmes to set up major hospitals and medical colleges in the country;

(b) if so, whether any private agency has submitted any project/proposal before Government to set up major hospital in Orissa; and

(c) if so, the places identified for the purpose and other details?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) Private agencies do establish hospitals and Medical Colleges for which they have to seek permission as laid down by the State in respect of hospitals and as contained in the Indian Medical council (Amendment) Act, 1993 in the case of medical colleges. The cases of foreign investers is determined by the procedures of the Foreign Investment Promotion Board.

(b) and (c) Two proposals of NRIs for setting up hospitals at Bhubneshwar have been approved. These proposals are from M/s. Kalinga Hospital Pvt. Ltd., Puri at the cost of Rs. 650.00 lakhs and M/s. Orissa Heart Institute at the cost of Rs. 300.00 lakhs, respectively.

Dubbing of Mega serials into other Indian Languages

1119. SHRI JOY NADUKKARA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a substantial portion of our population are non-Hindi speaking people; and

(b) if so, whether he will direct the Doordarshan officials to dub the mega serials into other important Indian languages also?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND

BROADCASTING (SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Instructions are issued by Directorate General, Doordarshan to various Doordarshan Kendras to telecast the dubbed version of popular Hindi serials in the respective regional languages as and when requests to this effect are received from the producers of the serials.

NRI's offer for modernisation of airports

1120. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received offers from Non-Residental Indians for modernisation of airports in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Range of Capital Outflows

1121. SHRI MD. SALIM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state that the range of capital outflows and how Government propose to put an end to flight of capital?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): Information on India's balance of payments for the current year i.e. 1996-97 so far provides no evidence of capital flight from India. On the country, the net capital inflows have been high and resulted in an accretion to foreign exchange reserves to the extent of US $ 2253 million between April 1996 to November 22, 1996.

Worn out Notes in Bundles given by Banks

1122. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that banks give worn out notes hidden in bundles of 100;

(b) whether it also a fact the RBI unnecessarily trouble the banks if they send worn out notes for change to RBI;

(c) whether RBI will issue circulars to all banks that they must not give worn out notes to customers; and

(d) what is the remedy to customers if banks give worn out notes?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Banks are required to sort out currency notes received back from circulation into soiled/re-issuable/unfit notes. The reissuable notes which are fit for circulation are being issued again to the public.

(b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has not so far received any complaint from any of the banks on this account.

(c) According to RBI worn out notes are exchangeable at all branches of public sector banks under the limited powers already delegated to them.

(d) Customers can exchange soiled and certain categories of multilated notes at all branches of public sector banks who have been delegated limited powers by RBI. All types of mutilated notes can be exchanged at all Currency Chests maintaining branches of the public sector banks all over India, who have full powers under the Reserve Bank of India (Note Refund) Rules, 1975.